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SUBJECT: MILITARY SITUATION IN MR 3

FOLLOWING TEL RECEIVED FROM BIEN HOA MARCH 13 SENT ACTION
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SUBJ: MILITARY SITUATION IN MR3

REF: BIEN HOA 154

1. CHIEF OF STAFF, MR3, SAID IN CONVERSATION 1630 HOURS
MAR 13 THAT THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE SITUATION
FROM THAT REPORTED REFTEL EXCEPT THAT RADIO CONTACT HAS
BEEN LOST WITH THE SMALL BAND OF DEFENDERS ON THE SOUTHERN
EDGE OF TRI TAM AND THEY ARE NOW CONSIDERED OVERRUN. HE SAID
THAT ALL THREE BATTALIONS OF THE 46TH REGT, 25TH ARVN DIV, ARE
DEPLOYED IN THE VICINITY XT3433 TO CLEAR ROUTE 22 WITH THE RF
OPERATING BETWEEN THAT POINT AND GO DAU HA. REGRETTABLY, GVN
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FORCES SEEM TO BE MAKING LITTLE PROGRESS AGAINST FIERCE NVA/VC

RESISTANCE, INCLUDING HEAVY ABF'S. MINH ALSO CLARIFIED THAT THE NVA/VC WERE AND REMAIN IN OCCUPATION OF A HAMLET ON ROUTE 1 VICINITY XT3426 WEST OF GO DAU HA. A BATTALION OF THE 48TH REGT AND A TROOP OF APC HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE MISSION OF CLEARING THIS HAMLET AND THE REST OF ROUTE 1 WEST TO AN THANH ON THE CAMBODIAN BORDER.

2. MINH INFORMED THAT THE 4TH MARINE BRIGADE CONSISTING OF TWO NEW BATTALIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN OPERATING IN LONG AN PROVINCE, MOST RECENTLY NORTH OF BEN LUC, ARE BEING WITHDRAWN FROM MR3 BY JGS IN FOUR DAYS. AT THE SAME TIME JGS HAS CANCELLED ITS PLAN TO WITHDRAW THE 4TH AIRBORNE BRIGADE WHICH WILL, THEREFORE, CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN HOC MON UNDER THE CMD. HE SAID THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE CONTINUED ASSIGNMENT OF THE 8TH RANGER GROUP (2 BNS) ARE DEPLOYED IN NHA BE DISTRICT SOUTHEAST OF SAIGON. PETERS UNQTE
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